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## Representatives Grantham and Finchem Introduce Bill Establishing Menu of Education Standards

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Travis Grantham (R-12) and Representative Mark Finchem (R-11) introduced on Tuesday HB 2481, which would establish a menu of education standards that local education agencies could use in place of state standards.

**“This bill expands options for educational standards in public schools at the district level while addressing parental concerns with state and national standards, like we saw with Common Core,”** said Representative Finchem.

Under the legislation, local school boards would have the option to submit for approval of standards considered higher in quality than their state board of education's minimum standards. Their local districts would have to propose standards for state board of education approval. Once approved, any district could opt to use the standards that meet or exceed state board of education standards.

**“Education standards ought to be made at the local level by the parents and teachers who know what curricula is best-suited for their children and students,”** said Representative Grantham.

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